



## *NEWS RELEASE*

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~~Public and firefighter safety is the highest priority in fighting all wildland fires.~~

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### **FIRE UPDATE**

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#### **New Fire Starts**

**Haynes Fire-** BLM and local rural fire department engine crews extinguished an eight acre fire at Haynes Creek near Highway 28 Wednesday afternoon. The fire, which burned on state land, is believed to have been human caused.

**Pole Fire-** Three helicopters and six rappellers responded this morning to a fire reported late yesterday in the Pole Creek drainage, a tributary of Camas Creek. The three acre, lightning caused fire had probably been smoldering for several days when winds caused it to flare up Wednesday afternoon. The helicopters are doing bucket drops to help suppress the fire which is located in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness about six miles southwest of Meyers Cove.

#### **Border Complex**

The Woodhump, Cayuse and Roan Fires, burning in the headwaters of the Selway River on the Bitterroot National Forest, and the headwaters of Horse Creek on the Salmon-Challis National Forest are now being managed as one incident – the Border Complex. The combined acreage of these fires is estimated to be 3,900 acres.

To protect Forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the Woodhump and Cayuse Fires, the Forest Service has closed the Selway/Horse Creek Divide trail #158 which runs along the ridge along the Selway-Horse Creek Divide. The following trails remain closed: Cayuse Creek Trail #166, Filly Creek Trail #165, and Roan Creek Trail #203. All of these trails are within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

#### **Waterfall WFU**

The Waterfall Wildland Fire Use fire continues to slowly burn in the upper Waterfall Creek area, about two miles east of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The estimated acreage remains at 134 acres.